

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for the purification of N-carboxyanhydrides of amino acids wherein the N-carboxyanhydrides, in solution or in suspension in a nonpolar solvent medium, are brought into contact with silica to further improve the purification by treating the N-carboxyanhydrides with an aqueous solution of an inorganic or organic acid whereby the N-carboxyanhydrides are no longer colored.--